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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Effect of the National Insurance Bill raising the Income Limit.

IN reply to many inquiries as to the position of persons who are brought into insurance by the recent National Insurance Bill (now an Act), the following official statement has been received from the Ministry of Health:

The effect of the proviso to subsection (1) of clause 1 of the bill is that any person whose rate of remuneration exceeds £160 a year and does not exceed £250 may apply for a certificate of exemption which will relieve him from any deduction from his wages, though his employer will be required to pay the employer's share of the contribution, as in the case of other exempt persons. In other words, any person who comes within the scope of the bill may, if he wishes, apply for exemption provided that he makes such application before January 1st, 1920, or such later date as the Minister may, in any particular case, allow. It is not necessary for a person who applies for exemption under this proviso to prove anything beyond the fact that his rate of remuneration lies between the limits indicated. So long as application is made within the period named in the proviso, the applicant has an absolute right to a certificate without reference to whether he has a right to exemption on any of the other grounds set out in Section 2 of the 1911 Act, or Section 5 of the 1913 Act.

It should be added that under proviso (*b*) to Section 9 (1) of the 1913 Act, an exempt person whose total income from all sources exceeds £160 a year is required to make his own arrangements for receiving medical attendance and treatment. It follows from this that persons coming within the scope of the new bill who exercises the right to claim exemption will automatically become "own arrangers," and doctors will not be required to take them as ordinary panel patients, except in the case of the very small number of persons whose rate of remuneration exceeds £160, but who, by reason of their employment being a part-time employment only, have not an income exceeding £160. The number of such persons is so small as to be negligible.

Restriction on Sale of Intoxicating Liquor.

The memorial to His Majesty's Government, adopted by the Council of the British Medical Association as announced in its Supplementary Report, has now been circulated to Divisions, and members are invited to sign it. The memorial is in the following terms:

In view of the great advantages to the efficiency and well-being of the nation and to public health and order which have followed the restrictions placed on the sale of intoxicating liquor during the war, the undersigned earnestly request His Majesty's Government to maintain reasonable restrictions until a permanent measure of reform has been enacted by Parliament.

State Medical Service.

In the report of the recent Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees, published in the SUPPLEMENT of July 26th, there was a brief record of the motion by Surrey objecting to a whole-time salaried State medical service (p. 35). The wording of the resolution as moved by Dr. Thornton of Surrey and carried by the Conference *nemine contradicente* was as follows:

That this Conference objects to any suggestion that the State should further interfere between the medical profession and the general public by the establishment of a whole-time salaried State medical service.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE eighty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the British Medical Association was held in the Connaught Rooms, London, at 2 p.m., on Friday, July 25th. Sir CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, K.C.B., F.R.S., President of the Association, was in the chair.

The Financial Secretary and Business Manager read the notice convening the meeting, and also the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, which were confirmed.

THE PRESIDENTSHIP.

The CHAIRMAN of COUNCIL announced that the Representative Meeting had re-elected Sir Clifford Allbutt President of the Association for 1919–20. (Applause.)

Sir CLIFFORD ALLBUTT said that he greatly appreciated this continued honour, and thanked the members for their cordial reception of him that day.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS.

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL then proposed that Messrs. Price, Waterhouse, and Company be reappointed auditors of the Association. He said that the remuneration fixed last year was 150 guineas, but the Council, which had the right to act during the interim, had found it necessary to advance the remuneration to 200 guineas; and accordingly, in moving the appointment of the auditors, he moved also that their remuneration be 200 guineas.

Dr. T. R. BRADSHAW (Liverpool) seconded, and the proposition was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

This concluded the business of the Annual General Meeting.

CONFERENCE OF HONORARY SECRETARIES.

A CONFERENCE of Honorary Secretaries of Divisions and Branches of the British Medical Association was held in the Council Room at 429, Strand, on July 23rd under the chairmanship of Dr. R. C. BUIST (Dundee). About ninety secretaries were present.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY gave an address on current topics, which was followed by discussion. Dr. Cox expressed the general pleasure at meeting in another conference after five years of abeyance. The men he saw in front of him were the backbone of the Association. No amount of paid work could ever compensate for the loyal and devoted service of the honorary officers. He went on to make certain suggestions for increasing the effectiveness of the Association. The technical foundation of an organization was effective lists of

members and non-members, and one of the most important things a secretary could do was to correct and return the quarterly list of members and non-members in his area. In a large Division this was a duty which ought to be shared among the members of the Executive Committee. Again the *Handbook* could be made a great deal more useful if secretaries would send in suggestions. He had been delighted in the course of his recent visits to some centres to find how very much alive the Association was. It had been spending most of its necessarily restricted energies on the work of the country during the war, but it had in front of it a lease of renewed vigour which would astonish their candid friends. One of the essentials of local efficiency was the holding of regular and frequent meetings; a Division which met only four times a year was working under a great disadvantage. Pains should also be taken to make the agenda attractive. New members should be made to feel at home. More attention should be given to social functions. He recommended the giving of a dinner to the men who had returned from army service. Advantage should be taken of the new scheme of Association lecturers. Many of the Divisions did not take enough interest in local medical politics, that is, in matters of medical interest affecting local administrative bodies. Some Divisions had no organization rules; others—or the same—took no interest in the Annual Representative Meeting, as instanced by the lack of motions from them on the agenda, thus depriving the Association of a source of initiative it had a right to expect. A deplorable thing to him was the absence of interest in the election of any kind of officer; contests were a healthy sign. The system of postal nomination and voting might be developed. In these and other ways he urged that more vigorous steps might be taken to stimulate pride and interest in the Association.

In the discussion that followed Dr. NOY SCOTT (Plymouth) suggested that one reason for absence of motions from Divisions was that members had the idea that the by-laws were unchangeable. Dr. J. R. RATCLIFFE (Birmingham) referred to co-operative arrangements among practitioners of a locality; in his district each medical man was enabled to have two free evenings a week and annual holidays. Dr. J. M. MOIR (Inverness) pointed out that while a co-operative system might work well in urban areas, it would hardly be workable in the north of Scotland. Dr. JONES (North Glamorgan) thought it would be well to call upon every Division to hold meetings regularly, at least once every two months. Dr. J. F. WALKER (South Essex) emphasized the fact that the membership of the Association depended to a large extent upon the Divisional and Branch Secretaries, by whose actions—and not merely official actions—the Association was judged. Dr. J. L. LOUDON (Lanarkshire) urged that in the matter of getting new members every man on the executive should canvass his own district. Dr. JOHN HUME (Perth) wanted to know what was the experience of other secretaries with regard to the voluntary fund for social purposes. Dr. J. STEVENS (Edinburgh) pointed out the difficulty of proper revision of lists in the larger cities, and particularly in the teaching centres where many of the addresses were nominal and temporary. Dr. H. C. TERRY (Gloucester) said that in his area meetings were held regularly once a month, always on the same day of the week, and always followed by a supper. Mr. BISHOP HARMAN (Marylebone) said that one of the chief functions of the Branches was to exercise influence, by deputation or otherwise, on local public affairs, and instanced what the Metropolitan Counties Branch had done in regard to the London County Council. Dr. E. W. SQUIRE (Oxford and Reading) thought it very important to have a deputy secretary in each Division, also to have a great deal more devolution, both of responsibility and finance. Dr. A. E. LARKING (Buckinghamshire) drew attention to the small number of meetings announced in the JOURNAL every week, due to the fact that secretaries did not send in notices.

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, in closing the discussion, said that this splendid meeting of secretaries showed what keenness was in the Association. One of the best indices to prosperity was the number of meetings held locally. The system of visits from organizing secretaries would have to be developed. The visits paid by the Medical Secretary recently had had a great effect in the country. For his own part he would not be satisfied until the membership of the Association was coterminous with the profession.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY, in reply, said that this year the names of non-members on the lists would be printed in larger type, and it was hoped soon to have the same type for the member lists. He quite understood that in university towns the lists could not be accurately kept, but he urged that everywhere it should be done as effectively as possible. With an organization of over 23,000 members all over the world professing to represent the medical profession generally, it was necessary to take action in an orderly and constitutional way, and make sure that the Council and Representative Body carried with them the opinion of the great body of its members. Yet the constitution, cumbrous as it might seem to those who had not studied its working and possibilities, was such that either prompt or deliberate action could be taken. He demurred to the suggestion of a paid secretariat of Divisions and Branches; it would be preferable to make such allowances to secretaries as would enable them to secure more clerical assistance and thus retain the honorary workers whose enthusiasm and status as voluntary workers were, in his opinion, invaluable, and at the same time lighten their merely routine and clerical labours. He referred, in closing, to the departure of Dr. James Neal, his loyal colleague for seven years.

On the motion of Dr. RATCLIFFE, seconded by Dr. NOY SCOTT, a resolution was carried thanking Dr. Neal for his services, regretting his severance from the official work of the Association, and congratulating him on his new appointment. Dr. NEAL acknowledged the compliment.

Dr. T. W. H. GARSTANG opened a discussion on the desirability of making the Division and Branch areas correspond with local government areas. Branches might be taken to correspond with counties and parts of counties, but in the case of Divisions the matter was more complicated. Members' lists might be analysed with a view to reclassification in Ministry of Health areas, so that any resident practitioner could receive his Division notices from the secretary of the Division in the central area, and his summons to any meetings in other areas which concerned him, as a result of overlapping of areas, from the respective secretaries. Some such system of analysis and subdivision appeared to him preferable to an attempted redistribution of Divisions so as to identify them completely with the Ministry of Health areas.

Dr. A. E. LARKING wished to see the Divisions coterminous with the National Insurance areas, but Dr. E. BURCHELL (Brighton) gave a local instance to prove that it was impracticable to make the Division conform to the panel area; and others spoke to the same effect.

The MEDICAL SECRETARY said that he was alive to the difficulties, but he hoped the problem would not be shelved. He had been afraid of the interest in medico-political work getting out of the hands of the Divisions and into those of Local Medical and Panel Committees. Gloucestershire was a perfect example of the way in which the matter might be dealt with by an arrangement of the Branch areas. On the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, the Council was requested to send the matter to the Organization Committee.

Dr. JAMES DON (North of England Branch) opened a discussion on the suggestion that a travelling organizing secretary be appointed. He referred to the extraordinary difference in Association activity as between contiguous Divisions, faced with the same problems. Such an official was needed to stir up dormant Divisions. Dr. J. HUDSON (Newcastle) said that such a secretary would feel the pulse of the profession. The MEDICAL SECRETARY said that the feeling of the Council, when this matter was mooted, was that no man could spend the whole of his time travelling and remain in touch with the matters at issue; close contact with central committee and Council work was vital. He said the intention of the Council, once the central staff was at its normal level, was to do much more visitation by means of the central staff; and if this were not sufficient the Council would, he was sure, be willing to reconsider the matter.

Mr. A. E. MORISON (Sunderland) moved: "That efforts be made by Divisions or Branches to develop their scientific work by holding post-graduate courses and meetings for practitioners in the nearest available hospital." His idea was that in the summer months post-graduate classes might be arranged to which men from surrounding districts should be invited. Men gravitated for scientific meetings to the hospitals to which they sent patients, and arrangements might be made with the hospital staffs to give a series of demonstrations. Furthermore, men from different areas might be invited to read papers on cases of special interest in their practices. The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL said he was delighted to hear Mr. Morison's remarks, and hoped the plan would mature. Mr. MORISON agreed to write a memorandum on the subject to accompany the reference of this matter to the Council.

After a session of more than four hours the Conference came to an end with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the East Anglian Branch was held at Ipswich on July 10th under the presidency of Dr. HERBERT H. BROWN.

It was decided to recommend that the date for the dissolution of the East Anglian Branch be September 30th, and that the exact boundaries of the Essex Branch should be left for determination of the Essex and Metropolitan Branches, and that the area of the new Branches should be coterminous with the county areas as far as possible. The arrangements for forming the new Branches were left in the hands of the present secretaries.

The sum of £65 7s. 5d., belonging to the old Branch (before the reorganization of the British Medical Association) was directed to be divided between the three new Branches proportionally to their membership on September 30th, as was also the present balance of the Branch.

The President, Dr. HERBERT H. BROWN, gave a short address and then showed a case of subclavian aneurysm treated by ligature of the second part of the subclavian artery after removal of the inner half of the clavicle. Sir HAMILTON BALLANCE read an interesting paper entitled "Surgical fragments from France," illustrated by lantern slides; and Mr. A. J. BLAXLAND, M.S. (Norwich), showed specimens.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.

THE inaugural meeting of the Willesden Division was held at St. Andrew's School, Willesden Green, on July 30th. Lieut.-Colonel MCADAM ECCLES, member of the Central Council, who was called to the chair, expressed his pleasure at the formation of a Division in such a large and important area and wished the members all success.

The notice of the appointment of the Division was then read by Dr. CRUDEN, Acting Honorary Secretary.

Dr. C. WHITEHALL COOKE was unanimously elected Chairman of the Division, and, after thanking the members, proceeded to read the model rules, which were completed and adopted and directed to be sent to the Council for confirmation.

The following officers were appointed:

Vice-Chairman: Dr. C. T. F. Scott. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. Wm. Paterson. *Representative on Branch Council:* The Chairman. *Executive Committee:* Dr. Auty (Harlesden), Dr. Faber (Cricklewood), Dr. Snowman (Brondesbury), Dr. T. Wilson (Kilburn), Dr. Cruden (Willesden Green).

It was resolved to apply to the Council for independent representation in the Representative Body, 1920–21.

It was left to the Executive to arrange for meetings, the general opinion being that these should be held every two months on the first Tuesday of the month.

On the motion of Dr. WHITEHALL COOKE, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Lieut.-Colonel McAdam Eccles for his kindness in coming to the meeting and for his valuable assistance and advice.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: EXETER DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Exeter Division was held on July 17th, with Dr. G. G. GIDLEY in the chair.

The annual and supplementary reports of the Council were considered, and the representative was instructed as regards voting at the Representative Meeting with regard to the election of four direct representatives on the General Medical Council in November.

Dr. GORDON moved:

> That the remuneration of all medical men employed under the Insurance Act be increased so as fully to compensate the altered value of money.

This was carried unanimously.

Opinion was unanimously expressed as to the inadequacy of the present payments to practitioners to cover the value of time and cost of transport involved in visiting patients in isolated houses in the country parts of the Division, and the importance of a complete reorganization of these payments. The Secretary of the Division was instructed to communicate to the clerks of local authorities the contents of paragraph 293 of the Supplementary Report dealing with the suggested 33⅓ per cent. increase in remuneration of medical officers in public health services, asking them what steps they had taken or intended to take in the matter.

After considerable discussion with regard to the payment of staffs of voluntary hospitals for the treatment of discharged disabled soldiers and sailors it was carried unanimously:

> That this meeting considers that 10 per cent. is quite inadequate, and that the subject should be reconsidered with a view to medical men obtaining an adequate proportion of the amount paid to these institutions. That in discussing the matter the question of "in-patients" and "out-patients" should be separately considered, and that the representative be instructed to bring this before the Representative Meeting.

Association Notices.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION.—Dr. R. J. S. Verity, Honorary Secretary (Rosemoderis House, Garndiffaith, near Pontypool), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Division will be held at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., on August 16th, at 3.15 p.m.

INSURANCE.

INCREASED GRANTS TO INSURANCE PRACTITIONERS.

THE following further letter has been received by the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association. An earlier letter was published in the SUPPLEMENT of June 28th (p. 140):

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, London, S.W.1,
31st July, 1919.

Sir,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to the conference with members of the Conditions of Service Sub-committee held at this office on the 26th inst., and to your letter of the 28th inst., and to state in reply to the first point mentioned in the letter that the arrangements contemplated for the payment of the war bonus to insurance practitioners in respect of the year 1919 are briefly as follows:

The flat-rate payment of 15 per cent. payable to all insurance practitioners, whatever their income, will be made by Insurance Committees. The additional sums payable to those practitioners whose net professional incomes from all sources, as assessed for income tax purposes for the year 1919–20, do not exceed £1,200, will be made direct to the practitioners concerned by this department.

A circular letter will be issued shortly to Insurance Committees instructing them—

(1) To make a payment at once of 15 per cent. of the sums advanced to practitioners for treatment in respect of the first six months of the year 1919;

(2) Immediately after January 1st, 1920, to make a further payment of 15 per cent. of the amount advanced for treatment in respect of the second six months of 1919; and

(3) As soon as the settlement with doctors in respect of the year 1919 has been effected, to make a final payment of 15 per cent. of the amount payable on the settlement.

With regard to the additional 5 or 15 per cent. payable to those practitioners whose net professional incomes do not exceed £1,200, arrangements are being made with inspectors of taxes for the issue of certificates similar in form to those issued in connexion with the payment of the war bonus for the year 1918. These certificates will be numbered Form 191 A/I.C., and will be available after September 30th. Insurance practitioners will, at an early date, receive a memorandum informing them of the steps which they should take if they desire to claim this additional percentage. On receiving from the practitioner the necessary certificate and claim the Ministry will

(1) make an immediate payment of 5 or 15 per cent., as the case may be, of a sum estimated to represent a full year's instalments of remuneration for the year 1919; and

(2) as soon as Insurance Committees have effected a settlement with practitioners in respect of 1919, make a final payment of 5 or 15 per cent. of the difference between the instalments, as estimated, and the doctors' remuneration for the year as finally ascertained.

The bonus will be calculated on insurance fees for treatment, including those payable in respect of the treatment of temporary residents. Payments in respect of drugs and mileage, and in respect of the treatment of invalided soldiers, will not be included for the purposes of the calculation of the bonus.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) E. J. MAUDE.

The Medical Secretary,
British Medical Association,
429, Strand, W.C.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following announcements are notified by the Admiralty:—Surgeon Commanders placed on retired list: G. Borrett, C. B. Fairbank. With the rank of Surgeon Captain: P. E. Maitland, J. Andrews, H. B. Marriott, O.B.E. Surgeon Commanders: P. H. M. Star to the *Highflyer* as Fleet Medical Officer, East Indies Station, J. Martin to Haslar Hospital, E. R. Grazebrook to the *Berbice*. Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders: A. R. Fisher to the *Pembroke*, A. B. Cox to the *Vivid*, J. H. McDowall to the *Princess Margaret*. Surgeon Lieutenants H. E. Y. White to the *Renown*, G. S. Harvey to the *Scarab*. Surgeon Lieutenants (temporary): T. F. Reason to the *Caledon*, L. L. Fotheringham to the *Pembroke*, S. H. Waddy to M. 22, W. H. Sarra to the *Vivid*, for R.N. College, Keyham; A. H. Richardson to the *Harpenden*, S. W. F. Underhill to the *Pembroke*, D. A. Imre to the *Vivid*, J. T. Wylie to the *Vindictive*, J. Donald to the *Pembroke*, for R.N. Hospital, Chatham; J. W. McK. Nicholl to Haslar Hospital, A. E. Wyatt to the *Hecla*, S. W. F. Underhill to the *Boadicea*.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander J. E. Johnston to the *Cordelia*. Surgeon Lieutenant (temporary) D. L. Baxter to the *Crescent* for Rosyth Dockyard.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonel (temporary Major-General) Sir Samuel Hickson, K.B.E., C.B., is granted the honorary rank of Major-General on ceasing to be employed.

Colonel A. L. F. Bate, C.M.G., retires on retired pay.

Colonel W. H. Grattan, C.B.E., D.S.O., to be Deputy Director of Hygiene at the War Office.

Temporary Colonel Sir Thomas Myles, C.B., relinquishes his commission and retains the rank of Colonel.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonels retire on retired pay: J. C. Jameson, R. C. Lewis.

The following officers relinquish the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel on reposting: Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Sylvester-Bradley, Major H. W. Farebrother, Captain A. C. Hammond-Searle, M.C., temporary Captain J. C. Sproule.

Major J. W. S. Seccombe to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst commanding a medical unit from December 28th, 1918, to April 11th, 1919.

Major A. E. Smithson is placed on retired pay.

Temporary Major J. Dalrymple, C.M.G., O.B.E., relinquishes the acting rank of Colonel on reposting.

Captain F. W. M. Cunningham, D.S.O., retires, receiving a gratuity.

J. A. Wood, late temporary Captain, is granted the rank of Captain.

To be Captains, but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to July 1st, 1919, with precedence as stated:—Captains: F. K. Tomlinson from T.F. (February 5th, 1918), next below R. E. Barnsley; H. S. Griffith from S.R. (February 8th, 1918), next below J. H. Ward; R. O'Kelly from S.R. (February 28th, 1918), next below E. T. Burke; T. Young from S.R. (October 23rd, 1918), next below R. McKinlay. Temporary Captains: C. L. G. Powell, M.C. (November 7th, 1918), next below A. E. Richmond; L. A. J. Graham (November 10th, 1918), next below H. E. P. Yorke; W. G. D. McCall, M.C. (February 2nd, 1919), next below R. A. Mansell; J. M. Ryan (May 8th, 1919), next below R. D. Newland; A. E. S. Pringle-Pattison (February 15th, 1918), next below H. D. F. Brand.

Captains from S.R. to be Lieutenants, and to be temporary Captains, but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to July 1st, 1919, with precedence as stated: J. W. Hyatt (January 1st, 1917), next below J. P. MacNamara; R. D. Hennessy (September 21st, 1916), next below G. G. Drummond; T. Parr (January 2nd, 1917), next below H. Stanton; J. D'A. Champney (May 1st, 1918), next below M. C. Paterson; D. F. Panton (January 29th, 1918), next below E. P. K. Creagh.

Temporary Captain J. K. Holland to be Lieutenant and to be temporary Captain from June 1st, 1917, but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to July 1st, 1919, with precedence next below T. H. Twigg.

Temporary Lieutenant E. T. C. Hughes to be temporary Captain.

The notification in the *London Gazette* of April 11th regarding Lieutenant (temporary Captain) G. R. Sharp is cancelled.

The following officers relinquish their commissions:—Temporary Lieut.-Colonels and retain the rank of Lieut.-Colonel: G. B. Price, H. L. Eason, K.C.B. Temporary Majors and retain the rank of Major: C. D'O. Grange (on ceasing to be employed with the Northumberland War Hospital), H. Irving (on ceasing to be employed at the Brook War Hospital), W. H. Thompson and James Phillips (on ceasing to serve with the Bradford War Hospital), E. R. Fothergill, C. S. Read, T. M. Frood, O.B.E. (on ceasing to serve with the South African Native Labour Corps). Captains: H. G. Trayer, St. J. D. Buxton. Temporary Captains and are granted the rank of Lieut.-Colonel: J. G. Johnston, M.C., E. R. Hunt. Temporary Captain W. H. Bryce and retains the rank of Major (March 23rd, 1919—substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, May 1st, 1919). Temporary Captains and are granted the rank of Major: J. E. Power, R. B. Blair, A. Grant, J. Alexander, W. K. McIntyre, M.C., A. T. Todd, F. J. O. King, A. C. Renton, S. Brown, A. C. Bryson, J. H. Legge, M.C., R. R. Wallace, T. W. Buckley, R. Millar, T. E. R. Branch, A. T. Edwards, A. C. S. Courts, W. H. Welsh, J. A. Doull, J. S. Stewart.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Major E. M. W. Hearn and Major A. Fairley (Surgeon Lieutenant Commander R.N.) relinquish their commissions on ceasing to be employed.

Captain R. L. Roe to be acting Major while employed as Major.

T. C. Backhouse (Captain A.A.M.C.) is granted a temporary commission.

Transferred to unemployed list: Lieut.-Colonel T. Philp, Major H. Pritchard. Captain (honorary Major) D. Wilson. Captains: I. L. Waddell, N. R. Williamson, J. L. Whatley, H. M. Holt, J. Freeman, C. C. O'Malley, A. Sutcliffe. Lieutenants: E. P. Williams, L. C. Broughton-Head, C. H. Vernon, A. J. Swanton.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captains relinquish the acting rank of Majors on reposting: D. J. Valentine, M.C., D. Colombos.

The names of the undermentioned are as now described and not as in the *London Gazette* of July 19th, 1919: Reginald H. Sunderland, Samuel P. Castell.

Lieutenants to be Captains: B. G. Derry, J. C. McGregor, J. K. T. Mills.

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Late Captains R.A.M.C. to be Captain: StJ. D. Buxton, H. G. Trayer.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The announcement regarding Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Mackay, C.M.G., which appeared in the *London Gazette* of May 9th, 1919, is cancelled.

Major R. B. Purves, D.S.O., to be acting Lieutenant-Colonel whilst specially employed.

Captain (acting Major) A. Leggat, D.S.O., relinquishes the acting rank of Major on vacating appointment as D.A.D.M.S.

Captain M. S. Doubble to be a D.A.D.M.S. and to be acting Major whilst so employed.

Captains to be acting Majors whilst specially employed: M. Brannan, J. P. Milton, A. W. Paterson, H. J. Blackler.

The following officers relinquish their acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed: Lieut.-Colonel (acting Colonel) J. Mackinnon, D.S.O., Captains (acting Lieut.-Colonels) G. C. E. Simpson, R. A. Stark, M.C., T. A. Green, D.S.O., W. B. Keith, M.C., T. H. Richmond. Captains (acting Majors) H. J. A. Longmore, T. G. Buchanan, G. B. Buchanan, A. C. Tibbits, H. Foxton, M.C., H. J. Blackler, D. R. Kilpatrick.

1st London Sanitary Company.—Lieutenant R. Wood to be Captain.

2nd London Sanitary Company.—Lieutenant S. G. Reed to be Captain.

4th London General Hospital.—Major (acting Lieut.-Colonel) W. G. Spencer, O.B.E., relinquishes the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel on ceasing to be specially employed. Captain (acting Major) C. Gibbs relinquishes the acting rank of Major on ceasing to be specially employed. Captain W. Turner to be acting Major whilst specially employed (September 26th, 1918).

1st Northern General Hospital.—Major T. M. Allison is restored to the establishment.

3rd Northern General Hospital.—Major H. R. Dean is restored to the establishment.

2nd Scottish General Hospital.—Captain (acting Major) A. A. S. Skirving, C.M.G., relinquishes the acting rank of Major on ceasing to be specially employed.

1st Southern General Hospital.—Lieut.-Colonel F. W. Ellis is seconded for duty with the 2/1st Southern General Hospital.

2nd Southern General Hospital.—Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel—acting Colonel) A. B. Prowse and Major J. Swain, C.B., to be Lieut.-Colonels. Majors (acting Lieut.-Colonels) George Parker and R. G. P. Lansdown relinquish the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel on ceasing to be specially employed. Captain (acting Major) J. L. Firth relinquishes the acting rank of Major on ceasing to be specially employed.

3rd Southern General Hospital.—Captain N. B. Clowes is restored to the establishment.

1st Western General Hospital.—Major (acting Lieut.-Colonel) R. W. Murray relinquishes the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel on ceasing to be specially employed.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The announcement regarding Captain (acting Lieut.-Colonel) G. C. E. Simpson which appeared in the *London Gazette* of December 30th, 1918, is cancelled.

Captain M. W. K. Bird relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service and retains the rank of Captain.

APPOINTMENTS.

HIGGINS, Thomas Twistington, O.B.E., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.

JAMES, Surgeon-Colonel W. Culver, M.D., Consulting Physician to the Westminster General Dispensary.

RALPHS, F. Gerald, M.B.Vict., F.R.C.S.E., Honorary Assistant Surgeon, Ashton-under-Lyne Infirmary.

ROSS, James A., M.A.St.And., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon, Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

MATHEWSON, Douglas, M.B., F.R.C.P.Edin., Assistant Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

NEWSHOLME, H. P., M.D., M.R.C.P., B.Sc., D.P.H., County Medical Officer of Health, North Riding of Yorkshire.

WOODMAN, Musgrave, M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Honorary Aural Surgeon and Laryngologist, General Hospital, Birmingham.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Physician: George W. Watson, M.D., F.R.C.P., vice Dr. Churton, retired. Surgeon in Charge of Out-patients: L. R. Braithwaite, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon: Harry Lee, M.B., B.C., F.R.C.S. Honorary Assistant Physician: J. Le Fleming Burrow, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.

LEITH HOSPITAL.—Surgeon: Henry Wade, D.S.O., M.D., F.R.C.S.E. Assistant Surgeon: A. Pirie Watson, Ch.M., F.R.C.S.E. Assistant Surgeon and Registrar: W. W. Carlow, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E. Assistant Physician: A. Mathison Stewart, M.B., Ch.B.Edin.

MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Greenwich.—Surgeon: Cecil A. Joll, M.S., F.R.C.S.Eng., vice J. Keogh Murphy, M.B., B.C.Camb., F.R.C.S., deceased. Ophthalmic Surgeon: Montague L. Hine, M.D., vice W. H. McMullen, O.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, W.C.—Consulting Surgeons: Willmott H. Evans, B.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.; Miss Aldrich-Blake, M.S.Lond., with care of patients. Dermatologist: Haldin Davis, M.B.Oxon., F.R.C.S.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Honorary Assistant Surgeon: Geoffrey Jefferson, M.S., M.B.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng. Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon: Henry V. White, M.D., Ch.B.Manch. Honorary Surgeon for Diseases of the Ear, Nose, and Throat: A. A. Smalley, M.B., Ch.B.Vict., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Chelsea.—Surgeons to Out-patients: John Everidge, F.R.C.S., C. A. Joll, F.R.C.S., Chas. Jennings Marshall, F.R.C.S. Ophthalmic Surgeon: Chas. Bernard Goulden, F.R.C.S. Dental Surgeon: Val. Kay, L.D.S.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

MACFIE.—On July 31st, at the Bognor Nursing Home, Clarence Road, Bognor, to Dr. and Mrs. Macfie, a daughter.

MACKENZIE.—At 18, Carlton Street, Edinburgh, on July 28th, the wife of Captain R. N. Mackenzie, R.A.M.C. (*née* Elsie Collinson), of a daughter.

WALKER-BRASH.—To Gloria Lilian, wife of John Walker-Brash, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., at 10, All Souls Avenue, Harlesden, N.W.10, a son.

MARRIAGE.

GREENISH—WRIGHT.—On July 29th, at All Saints Church, Warlingham, Surrey, by the Rev. H. Seymour-Isaacs, M.A., Vicar of St. Saviour's, Wood Green, N., assisted by the Rev. Eden Davies, B.A., Curate of Warlingham, F. Harold S. Greenish, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., only son of Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Greenish, of "The Laurels," Warlingham, to Edith Marjorie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Wright, of "Sidbury," Warlingham.

DEATHS.

ELLIS.—On May 16th, at Rhyllech, Pwllheli, North Wales, suddenly, Philip Mackay Ellis, Major-General A.M.S.(ret.), O.B.E., J.P., County Director B.R.C.S., Carnarvonshire, aged 64.

PARK.—On July 27th, at Southport, died as the result of an accident, Susan, the dearly loved daughter of Dr. R. L. and Mrs. Park, aged 19 years.

TAYLOR.—On July 30th, at Wilton Court, Husthwaite, Mowbray, second son of the late M. W. Taylor, M.D., of Penrith.

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